

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00686-CJN**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR et al  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/12/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/12/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5995258) filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Department of Interior, # <u>3</u> Summons Fish and Wildlife Service, # <u>4</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>5</u> Summons U.S. Attorney)(Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 03/12/2019)

03/12/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, INC. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 03/12/2019)
03/12/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zef, ) (Entered: 03/12/2019)
03/12/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 03/12/2019)
03/27/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 3/15/2019; U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE served on 3/15/2019 (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/18/2019. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
03/27/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/20/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/19/2019. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
04/12/2019	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Proposed Order)(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 04/12/2019)
04/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received Defendants' <u>7</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint. In order to permit defense counsel additional time to confer with agency counsel and prepare a response, and without any objection expressed by Plaintiff, the Court GRANTS' Defendants' <u>7</u> Motion, for good cause shown. The deadline for Defendants' answer or other response to the <u>1</u> Complaint shall be extended until <b>MAY 10, 2019</b> . Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on April 15, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 04/15/2019)
04/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 5/10/2019. (dot) (Entered: 04/15/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.(Simon, Jeremy) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>9</u>	ORDER. The parties shall file the schedule not later than <b>JUNE 14, 2019</b> . Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on May 15, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
05/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/14/2019. (kt) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court has received the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, which indicates that Defendants' processing and production of Plaintiff's Freedom of Information Act requests are in progress. The Court shall adopt the parties' proposal that they file a further Joint Status Report by <b>JULY 16, 2019</b> . That report shall update the Court as to the status of Defendants' processing, production, and estimated timeline for issuance of draft <i>Vaughn</i> indices. <b>The parties shall file a further Joint Status Report every thirty days thereafter, unless and until the Court orders otherwise.</b> Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on June 14, 2019. (lcckk1) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/16/2019. (dot) (Entered: 06/18/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
07/16/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 07/16/2019)

08/15/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, and consistent with the Court's June 14, 2019 Order, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties submit an additional Joint Status Report by September 16, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 15, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
08/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Additional Joint Status Report due by 9/16/2019. (mac) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
09/10/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Amy R. Atwood on behalf of CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Atwood, Amy) (Entered: 09/10/2019)
09/16/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
10/16/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
10/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit a Joint Status Report by November 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on October 16, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
10/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/15/2019 (mac) (Entered: 10/16/2019)
11/15/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Townsend, Margaret) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
11/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of the Parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit a Joint Status Report by December 16, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on November 19, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 11/19/2019)
11/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/16/2019. (mac) (Entered: 11/19/2019)